

Surah 45 Surah Jaathiya

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THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH JAATHIYA AND SURAH DUKHAAN

Surah Dukhaan dispels the notion of the *Mushrikeen* that their gods will be able to intercede on their behalf before Allaah. They believe that even if their intercession is rejected, they should at least try to secure the intercession. The *Surah* made it clear that Only Allaah hears and knows everything.

However, even after accepting that their gods are unable to hear and cannot overwhelm Allaah's decision, the *Mushrikeen* still maintain that they are merely following the ways of their forefathers. They maintain that if Allaah allows their gods to hear their pleas, these gods will certainly intercede on their behalf. At the worst, they believed that their supplication would be futile if their gods did not hear them, but they failed to realise that they would be punished for this *Shirk*.

Surah Jaathiya replies to this misconception by telling them that since it has been conclusively proven that Only Allaah can hear and see everything, it is sinful to call on beings who are unable to hear or do anything, thinking that they can also see and hear everything. The *Surah* also makes it clear that Allaah has made the *Deen* explicit and apparent. Therefore, people should follow only the *Deen* and not the whims and practices of the deviated people who supplicate to other beings.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

This Surah contains the following:

- * An introduction.
- * Six proofs to substantiate *Towheed*.
- * Reproaches, warnings, and glad tidings.
- * Objections to the beliefs of the *Mushrikeen*.
- * The central message, contained in verse 18, which reads, “**Then** (after all these nations had passed) **We placed you** (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) **on a special way** (the Shari'ah of Islaam), **so follow it** (by practising and propagating it) **and do not follow the whims of those who have no knowledge** (do not follow the Kuffaar who want you to give up propagation and therefore continue to harass you).”

سُورَةُ الْجَاثِيَةِ مَكِّيَّةٌ وَهِيَ سَبْعٌ وَثَلَاثُونَ آيَةً وَأَرْبَعٌ وَرَمَتْهَا
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

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1. HaaMeem. (Only Allaah knows the correct meaning of these letters.)

تَنْزِيلُ الْكِتَابِ مِنَ اللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَكِيمِ

2. The revelation of the Book (the Qur'aan) is from Allaah, the Mighty, the Wise.

إِنَّ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ لَآيَاتٍ لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ

3. There are certainly many Aayaat (proving the Greatness and Oneness of Allaah) in the heavens and the earth for the Mu'mineen.

وَفِي خَلْقِكُمْ وَمَا يَبُتُّ مِنْ دَابَّةٍ آيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يُوقِنُونَ

4. In your creating you (man) and the creatures (animals) that We have spread out (on earth), there are also numerous Aayaat for those who are convinced (about the truth of Towheed).

وَإِخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ وَمَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مِنْ رِّزْقٍ فَأَحْيَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا وَتَصْرِيفِ
الرَّيْحِ آيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ

5. The alternation of the night and day; the sustenance (rain) that Allaah sends from the skies that revives the earth after its death; and the turning of the winds (in various directions); are all Aayaat for people with understanding (who use wisdom).

تِلْكَ آيَاتُ اللَّهِ نَتْلُوهَا عَلَيْكَ بِالْحَقِّ فَبِأَيِّ حَدِيثٍ بَعْدَ اللَّهِ وَآيَاتِهِ يُؤْمِنُونَ

6. These are Allaah's Aayaat (verses) that We recite to you with the truth (exactly). So what will they believe in after (failing to believe) Allaah and His Aayaat? (When they fail to believe things that are so clear, how can they be expected to believe in anything else?)

وَلِكُلِّ أَفَّاكٍ أَثِيمٍ ۝

7. Destruction be for every lying (false) sinner...

يَسْمَعُ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ تُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْهِ ثُمَّ يَصِرُ مُسْتَكْبِرًا كَأَن لَّمْ يَسْمَعْهَا فَبَشِّرْهُ بِعَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ ۝

8. ...who hears Allaah's Aayaat (words) being recited to him and then remains haughty (refusing to accept them) as if he had not heard them. Give him the good news of a painful punishment (in Jahannam).

وَإِذَا عَلِمَ مِنْ آيَاتِنَا شَيْئًا اتَّخَذَهَا هُزُوًا أُولَٰئِكَ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مُّهِينٌ ۝

9. (He is a person who) When he learns of any of Our Aayaat, he mocks it. There shall be a humiliating (disgraceful) punishment for these people (who mock Our Aayaat).

مِنْ وَّرَائِهِمْ جَهَنَّمُ وَلَا يَغْنَىٰ عَنْهُمْ مَا كَسَبُوا شَيْئًا وَلَا مَا اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ ۝

10. Before them (awaiting them in the Aakhirah) is Jahannam. Whatever (wealth) they earned will be of no benefit (use) to them, neither will the patrons (gods) that they adopted besides Allaah be (of any help to them). (There in Jahannam) They shall suffer a terrible punishment.

هَٰذَا هُدًىٰ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِآيَاتِ رَبِّهِمْ لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مِّن رَّجْزٍ أَلِيمٍ ۝

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11. This (Qur'aan) is a great (means of) guidance (and those who follow its guidance will be greatly rewarded in Jannah), and (on the other hand) there awaits a painful punishment of immense (great) proportions for those who disbelieve the Aayaat of their Rabb.

اللَّهُ الَّذِي سَخَّرَ لَكُمُ الْبَحْرَ لَتَجْرَىٰ فِيهِ الْفُلُكُ فِيهِ بِأَمْرِهِ وَلِتَبْتَغُوا مِنْ فَضْلِهِ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ۝

12. It is Allaah Who placed (subjected) the oceans at your service so that (your) ships may travel on them by His command, so that you may seek (your livelihood) from His bounty, and so that you may express gratitude (to Him for these bounties thus recognise Allah's rights).

وَسَخَّرَ لَكُم مَّا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا مِّنْهُ إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ۝

13. Allaah has also placed at your service (subjected) everything in the heavens and everything on earth. There are definitely Aayaat (demonstrating Allaah's great powers) in (all of) these (creation) for people who reflect.

قُلْ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا يَغْفِرُوا الَّذِينَ لَا يَرْجُونَ أَيَّامَ اللَّهِ لِيَجْزِيَ قَوْمًا لِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿١٤﴾

14. Tell those who have Imaan that they should pardon (the harassment of) those who do not look forward to Allaah's days (the time when Allaah will reward and punish people) so that (they may reap rewards for this and) Allaah may repay every nation for what (actions) they earn.

مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَلِنَفْسِهِ وَمَنْ أَسَاءَ فَعَلَيْهَا ثُمَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكُمْ تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿١٥﴾

15. Whoever does a good deed does so for his own benefit, and whoever commits a sin does so to his own detriment (because only he alone will suffer the punishment for his sins). You will all be returned to your Rabb shortly (and He will reward or punish you accordingly).

وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَ وَالنُّبُوَّةَ وَرَزَقْنَاهُمْ مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَفَضَّلْنَاهُمْ عَلَىٰ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٦﴾

16. Verily We gave the Bani Israa'eel the Book (many divine scriptures), wisdom (divine teachings) and Nubuwwah (there were many Ambiyaa among them); sustained them with pure things (foods) and granted them excellence over the (people of the) universe (during their time).

وَآتَيْنَاهُمْ بَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْرِ فَمَا اخْتَلَفُوا إِلَّا مَن بَعْدَ مَا جَاءَهُمُ الْعِلْمُ بَعِيَانِيَهُمْ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ يَقْضِي بَيْنَهُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَمَةِ فِيمَا كَانُوا فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿١٧﴾

17. We also gave them clear proofs (arguments) of religion. They differed only after knowledge (of Deen) came to them because of enmity (the hostility) between themselves. Indeed your Rabb shall judge between them on the Day of Qiyaamah concerning the differences they had.

ثُمَّ جَعَلْنَاكَ عَلَىٰ شَرِيعَةٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْرِ فَاتَّبِعْهَا وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَ الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٨﴾

18. Then (after all these nations had passed on) We placed you (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) on a special way (the Shari'ah of Islaam), so follow it (by practising and propagating it) and do not follow the whims (idle wishes) of those who have no knowledge (do not follow the Kuffaar who want you to give up propagation and therefore continue to harass you).

إِنَّهُمْ لَنُغْنَوْنَكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا وَإِنَّ الظَّالِمِينَ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ وَاللَّهُ وَلِيُّ الْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿١٩﴾

19. Undoubtedly, (if you follow them and thereby incur Allaah's punishment,) these people (the Kuffaar) will never be of any use to you against (the punishment of) Allaah. Verily the oppressors (the Kuffaar) are patrons (helpers) of each other and Allaah is a Protecting Friend to the people with Taqwa.

هَذَا صِرَاطٌ لِلنَّاسِ وَهَدَىٰ وَرَحْمَةً لِّلْقَوْمِ الْيُوقِنُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾

20. This (Qur'aan) is an eye-opener for (provides clear evidence to) people, a (means of) guidance and mercy for people with conviction (with Imaan).

أَمْ حَسِبَ الَّذِينَ اجْتَرَحُوا السَّيِّئَاتِ أَنْ نَجْعَلَهُمْ كَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ سَوَاءً تَحْيَاهُمْ وَمَمَاتُهُمْ
سَاءَ مَا يَحْكُمُونَ ١٨

21. Do those (Kuffaar) who commit sins think that We will treat them (equally) as (we treat) those who have Imaan and who do good deeds, making the lives and deaths (of both groups) equal? (They are wrong!) Evil indeed is the decision (claim) they make. (They will find out when they die and on the Day of Qiyaamah that their plight will be a pitiful one indeed, whereas the Mu'mineen will enjoy bliss and comfort.)

وَخَلَقَ اللَّهُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ بِالْحَقِّ وَلَيُجْزَىٰ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ ٢١

22. Allaah has created the heavens and the earth with the truth (wisdom and purpose) so that (people may realise that the Being Who created everything can certainly resurrect people on the Day of Qiyaamah when) every soul may be recompensed for what it does, and people will not be oppressed.

أَفَرَأَيْتَ مَنِ اتَّخَذَ إِلَهَهُ هَوَاهُ وَأَضَلَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ عِلْمٍ وَخَتَمَ عَلَىٰ سَمْعِهِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَجَعَلَ عَلَىٰ بَصَرِهِ غِشَاةً
فَمَنْ يَهْدِيهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ اللَّهِ أَفَلَا تَذَكَّرُونَ ٢٢

23. Have you seen the one who has taken his whims as a Ilaah (who follows the dictates of his desires); whom Allaah has allowed to stray despite (possessing) knowledge (of the truth); whose (spiritual) ears and heart Allaah has sealed and on whose (spiritual) eyes Allaah has cast a veil (because of his incessant kufr and sins, he has been spiritually handicapped and is therefore unable to accept the truth)? Who can guide him after Allaah? Will you not take heed (and mend your ways before such a handicap restrains your spiritual faculties as well)?

وَقَالُوا مَا هِيَ إِلَّا حَيَاتُنَا الدُّنْيَا نَمُوتُ وَنَحْيَا وَمَا يُهْلِكُنَا إِلَّا الدَّهْرُ وَمَا لَهُم بِذَلِكَ مِنْ عِلْمٍ إِنْ هُمْ إِلَّا
يُظُنُّونَ ٢٣

24. They (the Kuffaar) say, "This is nothing but our worldly life (after which there will be no other life). We live and die and it is only time that will destroy us (we die only because our bodily functions deteriorate with age)." They have no proof for this but only speculate (because there are many who die long before old age).

وَلَا تَنْتَلِ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُنَا بَيِّنَاتٍ مَا كَانَ حُجَّتُهُمْ إِلَّا أَنْ قَالُوا اتَّبِعُوا آبَاءَنَا إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ٢٤

25. When Our clear Aayaat are recited to them (to prove resurrection to them), the only argument they can present is to say, "Bring forth our forefathers if you are truthful."

قُلِ اللَّهُ يُحْيِيكُمْ ثُمَّ يُمِيتُكُمْ ثُمَّ يَجْمَعُكُمْ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ١٩

26. Say, “(I have no power to do this because when He willed) Allaah gave you life, (when He wills, He) will give you death and (when He wills, He) will then gather you all for the Day of Qiyaamah about which there is no doubt. However most people do not know (this and choose rather to follow untrue beliefs).”

وَلِلَّهِ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَيَوْمَ تَقُومُ السَّاعَةُ يُومِذُّ يَحْسَرُ الْمُبْطِلُونَ ٢٠

27. To Allaah belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. On the day that Qiyaamah will take place, the people of falsehood (the Kuffaar) will be at a loss (ruined).

وَتَرَى كُلَّ أُمَّةٍ جَاثِيَةً كُلُّ أُمَّةٍ تُدْعَى إِلَى كِتَابِهَا الْيَوْمَ تُجْزَوْنَ مَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ٢١

28. (On the Day of Qiyaamah,) You will see every nation kneeling (to plead for mercy out of terror and awe) and every nation will be called towards their Book (the records of their actions). (They will then be told,) “Today you will be recompensed for what you did (in the world).”

هَذَا كِتَابُنَا يَنْطِقُ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْحَقِّ إِنَّا كُنَّا نَسْتَنْسِخُ مَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ٢٢

29. (It will be further said to them,) “This (record of your actions) is Our Book which speaks about you with the truth (exactly as it is). Verily We used to have everything you did (meticulously) recorded.”

فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فَيُدْخِلُهُمْ رَبُّهُمْ فِي رَحْمَتِهِ ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْمُبِينُ ٢٣

30. As for those who have Imaan and who do good deeds, their Rabb shall enter (admit) them into His mercy (Jannah). That is the ultimate success.

وَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَفَلَمْ تَكُنْ الْيَتَّى تَتْلَى عَلَيْهِمْ فَأَسْتَكَبرْتُمْ وَكُنتُمْ قَوْمًا مُّجْرِمِينَ ٢٤

31. As for those who disbelieved (Allaah will tell them), “Were My Aayaat (advice and guidance) not recited to (conveyed) you, yet you behaved arrogantly (by rejecting them) and you were a sinful nation (that continued to commit kufr)?”

وَإِذْ أَقِيلَ إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ وَالسَّاعَةُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهَا قُلْتُمْ مَا نَدْرِي مَا السَّاعَةُ إِنَّ نَظْرُ الْأُنْظَاءِ وَمَا نَحْنُ بِمُسْتَيفِينَ ٢٥

32. “When it was said that Allaah's promise is true and that there is no doubt in (the

coming of) Qiyaamah, you used to say, 'We do not know what Qiyaamah is. We merely give it a passing (hasty) thought but have never been convinced (sure) about it.'

وَبَدَّاهُمْ سَيِّئَاتُ مَا عَمِلُوا وَحَاقَ بِهِم مَّا كَانُوا بِهِ يَسْتَهْزِءُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾

33. The evil of what they do shall become evident before them and they will be surrounded (enveloped) by (the punishment for) their mockery.

وَقِيلَ الْيَوْمَ نَنْسِيكُمْ كَمَا نَسِيتُمْ لِقَاءَ يَوْمِكُمْ هَٰذَا وَمَا وَلَكُمْ النَّارُ وَمَا لَكُمْ مِنْ نَاصِرِينَ ﴿٣٤﴾

34. It will be said, "Today We shall forget (refuse to assistance) you just as you forgot your meeting of this day. Your abode shall be the Fire and you shall have no helpers."

ذَٰلِكُمْ بِأَنَّكُمْ تَتَخَذُونَ آيَاتِ اللَّهِ هُزُوًا وَاَعْرَضْتُمْ عَنْ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا فَالْيَوْمَ لَا يُخْرَجُونَ مِنْهَا وَلَا هُمْ يُسْتَعْتَبُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾

35. "This is because you treated Allaah's Aayaat as a joke (not important) and were beguiled (deluded) by the life of this world." Today they will neither be removed from the Fire nor will they be given the opportunity to please Allaah.

فَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ رَبِّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَرَبِّ الْأَرْضِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٣٦﴾

36. (Only then will they realise that) All praise belongs to Allaah, the Rabb of the heavens, the Rabb of the earth and the Rabb of the universe.

وَلَهُ الْكِبَرِيَاءُ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٣٧﴾

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37. All Majesty (supreme power) is His in the heavens and the earth and He is the Mighty, the Wise.